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W. L. Hackett of Oakland, Cal., the young man who gave such a wonderful imitation of Henry Irving at the cricket club smoker the other night, that half the audience thought they were in the presence of the great actor and wanted to go home and don their dress suits, so as to be in good form, is a guest at the Hawaiian Hotel.

Mr. Hackett is the son of Alderman Hackett of Oakland, and he has had much to do with theatrical performances in both amateur and professional ways. His visit here is principally for pleasure, but he canvassed the theatrical situation in the United States and procured rates from actors and actresses of note for an engagement in Honolulu during the summer season and to open the Opera House when it is completed.

He has in his mind a plan for a season of twelve weeks, two or three performances each week of the best plays produced in London, New York and Boston. An idea of the character of the plays he would stage may be had from the few he named yesterday in conversation with a reporter for the ADVERTISER. Some of them have not reached the Pacific Coast as yet and probably will not for some time to come, but Mr. Hackett's connections with the drama in the States gives him facilities for securing the right to produce the plays here.

In the repertoire there are some of the best society plays that have been put on the stage for years. He would give "The Prisoner of Zenda," "The Heart of Maryland," "Sowing the Wind," "The Benefit of a Doubt," and "Wilkinson's Widows."

Among older and better known plays he names "Twelfth Night," "Henrietta," "School for Scandal," "The Tempest" and others in that class.

He has obtained rates from Maurice Barrymore, Henry E. Dixey, Marie Wainwright, Georgia Cayvan, Harry and Edgar Davenport, William Owens, and may get George Osbourne, who is one of the best, if not the best, actors in the United States. In all, the company would be composed of fifteen, practically, stars of the dramatic stage.

Mr. Hackett believes that a company such as this, and which he could get together only during the summer vacation, would be appreciated by the Honolulu people, and the plays would be of a character that would be viewed from an educational standpoint by the young. The people he names are among the best in the profession, and any caste with them in it would be a strong one.

If he receives any encouragement from the theater-goers—that is, if he can secure any guarantee of the success of the venture—he will close with the people directly he returns to the Coast. W. G. Irwin has been consulted, and it is understood, is favorable to Mr. Hackett's scheme.

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The New Order Getting into Line.

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At the office of Dr. J. S. McGrew last evening the following named sons of veterans of the American civil war took the preliminary step towards the formation of a Sons of Veterans camp in the Hawaiian Islands, the only organization of its kind outside the United States: Louis K. McGrew, Louis Adler, Jr., F. E. Lynn, A. L. Patterson, L. Perkins, J. W. Short, C. B. Mangus, Geo. Dillingham and G. Overbeck.

Mr. McGrew was made chairman and the first business of the meeting was the election of officers. Mr. McGrew being made elected captain, F. E. Lynn first lieutenant, and J. W. Short second lieutenant. For camp council the names of Messrs. Patterson, Mangus and Dillingham were proposed and passed upon. After a short discussion it was decided that the name of the camp be "G. C. Wiltze No. 4," in honor of the late gallant commander of the U. S. S. Boston. The camp will operate under the California Division of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. The camp council, acting with the captain, were instructed to secure a place for installation of officers at an early date, invitations to be extended to Geo. W. De Long Post, G. A. R., to attend the function.

The infantile camp of the Sons of Veterans exhibited signs of good health at the meeting, if enthusiasm of the projectors was a criterion. All were fervent in expressions of loyalty to the cause for which their organization stands.

Hon. Paul Neumann is seriously ill with an attack of inflammation of the bowels.

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Irrigation Plays an Important Part in the Plan, Which is Partly Socialistic—To Make Twenty Acre Farms Profitable. William E. Smythe the Promoter.

A new colonization scheme for Americans has been proposed that appears to be entirely practical, and that is interesting at least. The promulgator is William E. Smythe, who is well and favorably known throughout the west as the editor of The Irrigation Age.

Mr. Smythe's plan is somewhat socialistic and somewhat co-operative, but is not wholly of either nature. He proposes, in brief, to found a farm village somewhat on the order of many that now exist in Europe. He has selected as a site for the proposed colony a ranch of 10,000 acres located in the Sacramento valley in northern California. The property was very valuable in the days when wheat raising was profitable, but since this market has failed the land has depreciated because other crops cannot be raised there on account of lack of irrigation. Mr. Smythe proposes to cut canals through from the Sacramento valley and reclaim this almost arid land.

In the center of this tract 300 acres are to be set aside for a village. The rest is to be cut up into 20 and 10 acre farms. Each purchaser of a farm is to be given



WILLIAM E. SMYTHE.

a single or half acre lot in the village. The idea is that the farmers shall live in the village and till their adjacent lands. The village is to be surrounded by a broad, circular boulevard on which the houses will face.

Another feature of the plan is to be the system of ownership. The owners of the farms are to constitute a company which shall own the village and conduct various enterprises necessary for the profitable utilization of the crops. Thus there will be a creamery, to use the surplus milk; a cannery for the fruit, a packing house and a starch factory to convert the surplus potatoes into a marketable article.

The most important feature of the plan, and the one on which its life depends, is the irrigation system. This is to be in the hands of the company and the water right goes with the title to every farm. Each colonist is to purchase as many shares of stock as he does acres of land and the capital thus acquired is to be used for the general benefit of the colony. While the Sacramento valley is not actually an arid region, the rainfall is only sufficient for the raising of grain and early vegetables. With sufficient irrigation almost any kind of crops could be raised, as well as such semitropical fruits as oranges, lemons, limes, pomegranates, olives and figs. Good railroad facilities are easy of access and, besides, the Sacramento river furnishes a clear waterway to Sacramento and San Francisco.

It is estimated that a capital of \$670 is sufficient to establish a family on a 20 acre farm in the proposed colony and \$447 on 10 acres. In return for this it is said that from \$50 to \$100 an acre can be made over and above living expenses. Mr. Smythe's idea is to attract a number of thrifty American families to the west, gather them into farm villages like this, where they can rely upon their own efforts to bring them a good living with good prospects for acquiring a modest fortune. A community similar to the one proposed has already been started in Payette Valley, Ida., and in the two years of its existence has prospered greatly.

The plan gives the colonist a great advantage over the individual farmer, for the village company, of which he is a member, furnishes him with water, power, electric light and, what is more, a good market for his products. He gets the benefits of living in a village and is still near to his farm.

Mr. Smythe, the author of this scheme, is neither a wild dreamer nor a selfish land boomer. He is a young, energetic, earnest business man, with lots of practical common sense. He was born in Worcester, Mass., about 34 years ago and comes of Puritan stock. He is a journalist by profession, but has been identified with several successful business enterprises in the west. For two years he was president of the irrigation congress.

His plan is the outcome of a study of various colony schemes that have already been tried, and he claims to have embraced all the best points and avoided the bad ones. The idea is primarily that a hundred such communities would be established by irrigation the so called arid lands and secondarily the establishment of combined agricultural and manufacturing communities on a sound financial basis. These colonies would consist of men who owned their own farms and at the same time had an active interest in the community in which they lived. Their interest would not depend on a mere theory. It would be a financial interest and consequently a lasting one. Social economists will watch with great interest the new colony which Mr. Smythe is to establish.

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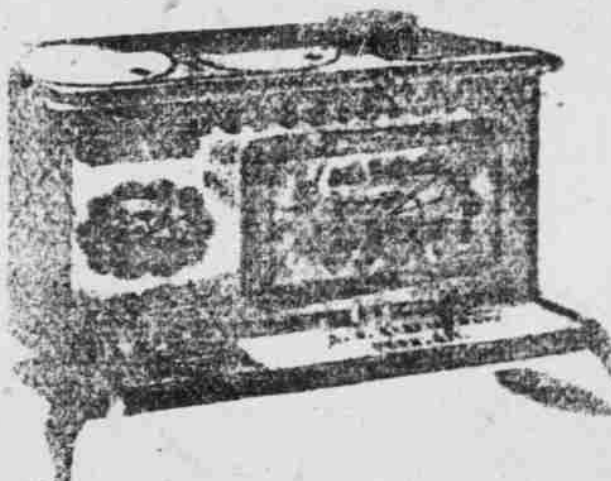
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